

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the current title with the following:

--PURIFICATION OF CAPROLACTAM--

On page 1, immediately following the title, please add the following new section:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is a National Stage application of PCT/EP2003/012556, filed November 11, 2003, which claims priority from German Patent Application No. DE 102 53 095.5, filed November 13, 2002.--